

suspiciously near a vacant house, and some men started after him. He ran, but they followed, and the good woman called to the boys, "Run after that man! Call 'Thief!' and help catch him!" They obeyed only too gladly, and after they had surrounded him in some weeds and brush, kept him from escaping until the men went for officers of the law. He was caught. If it had not been for the boys he would have escaped.

The second item was of a brave little fellow, not far away, who saw his home catch fire. Thinking only of his little sisters, he rushed into the burning building and rescued both of them. Then he returned to drag his now unconscious mother out. But she was too heavy for his little arms and his childish strength, and he finally had to abandon the attempt, having saved two lives and done his best to save that of his mother. If that boy had not acted promptly two little girls would have been burned to death, in addition to the mother.

In Philadelphia a young fellow was walking along the street when a runaway horse came dashing along. In the middle of the driveway, playing, was a little girl, all unconscious of the danger so near her. The boy rushed into the street, caught up the little girl and tossed her to the pavement in safety. The boy's foot was run over by a wheel, but before any one could reach him he was up and had disappeared in the crowd, continuing on his way to the factory at which he worked. Had he not done promptly what he saw must be done, the little girl would undoubtedly have been killed.

Three incidents in one week, and the papers not carefully read, either, is not a bad record. Yes, boys are useful as well as ornamental. Sometimes they are a nuisance, but most heroes have been nuisances at some time in their lives.

Don't say a boy is a nuisance until you have given him the opportunity to prove his real worth. It isn't safe. He may be a hero in disguise, and then you'd be sorry you spoke so hastily.

Sisters' Society C. E.

A Voice From the S. S. C. E. in Michigan

Considering ourselves too poor to send a delegate to National Conference, notwithstanding the urgent request of Sister Detwiler, I have wondered if a few thots from one who is interested in all that tends to the best good of our society and church, would be acceptable and find a place and hearing in your midst.

Small and insignificant as we here in Michigan feel, in relation to the work of National Conference, and our inability to assist in its work, yet still we do feel, that it is for us, if not as much as for others.

Perhaps it is not commonly understood that Michigan has but four small societies, of which New Troy is the most prosperous, having a larger number of members and carrying on their meetings the most regular.

The Campbell society comes second in the number of its members. The Almena society has organized and are nicely at work while Bethel the smallest of any in numbers is famous for its downright grit, and displays the greatest power of stick-to-it-iveness that I have ever seen in society work under such discouraging circumstances. These four societies constitute the work at present in Michigan.

Greatly to our disadvantage we are not so situated, as to be able to co-operate with each other from the fact that we are so far apart,—no two of the societies being nearer than twenty five miles that we get none of the benefits of visiting each other and exchanging opinions on plans and methods or of inspiration in devotional services. So that each society feels alone in the work and realizes the fact if they stand, they stand under God, upon their own merits and if they fail, they fail to their own dishonor, and pushed by this fact they are struggling hard, to keep up. 'Tis painful to think of and much more so to realize, that we come under the head of *Isolated* societies and churches.

Our last years conference was held not more than fifteen miles from the State line, and we hoped to the last that some would heed the call given thru the EVANGELIST to "come over into Macedonia and help us," but failed to see any of their beloved faces.

Last fall an effort was made to organize a society at Sunfield, where a church had shortly before been organized. But they were not ready for it and we are only waiting for them to see the work in its true light.

We have several places thruout the State where the good seed of the kingdom has been scattered and if these places could be supplied with preaching, we might reasonably hope to spread our society work also.

What we want is spirit-filled souls to come among us. If the adage, "like priest like people" can be applied to church and society, surely a spirit-filled church will have a spirit-filled society, a spirit-filled prayer meeting and a spirit-filled Sabbath school. I would not wish to insinuate that we have none of this kind in Michigan. We truly do have some good workers in each church and society, but where they are overbalanced by numbers on the opposite side it puts a great chill on the work.

Pray for us that the fire may not be entirely extinguished, for not alone in our church but in all the churches this spiritual deadness is alarmingly prevalent and I fancy that some of its causes can be easily seen. The church generally speaking is getting so far from the royal path of Christian life, that those who have never professed Christ are disgusted. Surely the harvest is great but the laborers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into his vineyard.

THEBE A. DARBY.

Religion costing nothing is worth nothing.

Our Young People

DON'T WORRY—Matt. 6:25-34

Topic for Oct. 28 (Monthly consecration meeting)

It is the universal testimony of people who observe, that worry kills more people in the world than work. An engine can stand a great deal of work if properly oiled and adjusted, but if allowed to run dry and be out of order it will soon wear out.

These lives of ours can bear a great deal of work if the oil of cheerfulness is abundant and the machinery is submitted to the master. There are some things which we can do and which it is our duty to do and for these we should be careful, but having done our part it is for us to trust the Lord to do the rest. We may not rest until we have planted and watered, but having done that it is for us to trust God to give the increase. We may not be at ease while there remaineth much land to be possessed, but in the conquest we must remember that it is the sword of the Lord as well as of Gideon. Having done with our might what our hands find to do we may confidently trust the Lord for all that we may need for he knoweth that we have need of all these things. He maketh all things to work together for good to them that love the Lord. He is the Master, we are the servants; he is the Father, we are the children; he is the King, we are the subjects, and it is for us to act out this relation on our part. God will do his part. The word worry is not in the Bible; let it not be in your lives.

SCRIPTURE LIGHT

Causes for worry

- 1 Wrong ideas of God, Job 23:15; Ps. 77:3, 4.
- 2 Meddling with other's work, John 21:20-23.
- 3 Undue importance attached to small things, Luke 10:41; Luke 12:13, 15.
- 4 Lack of harmony, Heb. 12:14, 15.

Reasons for not worrying

- 5 We cannot help matters by worrying, Matt 6:27.
- 6 The Father knoweth all and will take care of things all right, Luke 12:29, 30.

The proper thing to do

- 7 Seek first the kingdom, Matt. 6:33
- 8 Do your own work, Gal. 6:5.
- 9 Be watchful, Luke 21:34.
- 10 Be prayerful, Phil. 4:6.
- 11 Be consecrated, Gal. 6:17.
- 12 Be trustful, Rom. 8:28.

FOR TWO-MINUTE TALKS

- 1 The meaning of I Pet. 5:7.
- 2 How to live without worry and yet do faithful work.
- 3 The value of praise as an antidote for worry, Isa. 61:3.

QUESTIONS

- 1 What is worry?
- 2 What is the difference between worry and watchfulness?
- 3 What are some things we should be concerned about? Tit. 3:8.
- 4 May carelessness be a sin? Isa. 47:8, 9.
- 5 Was Paul worried or simply concerned? I Cor. 4:8, 9.
- 6 What makes worry a sin?
- 7 May physical infirmity make one prone to worry? If so how is such worry to be overcome?
- 8 What evils result from worry?
- 9 How is it that "perfect love casteth out fear." I John 4:18.
- 10 How may we help drive worry from the world?

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Why is it that Satan's influence is so strong? Why is it that all Christian effort finds so many almost insuperable obstacles in its path of progress? Simply because generation after generation of those who have called Christ "Master" have failed to do his bidding, his will.—Robert E. Speer.